

# Governor Don Siegelman visits Elba



Governor Don Siegelman with Geneva Mayor Warren Beck (l) and Elba Mayor James Grimes (r).



Gov. Siegelman with Representative Terry Spicer.



Gov. Siegelman enjoys the day's entertainment.



Senator Jimmy Holley, Mary Holley, Dale Moseley and Gov. Siegelman enjoy their meal together.



Gov. Siegelman poses for a picture with the staff of The Ranch House Cafeteria. The Ranch House catered the barbecue meal which was served during the Governor's visit to Elba last Thursday.

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## Dorsey auction date set for June 1st

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Dorsey Trailers, Inc. is slowly moving forward to clear the U. S. Bankruptcy Court, sell the facilities, and thus give local workers an opportunity to return to work.

The latest order from the court, in Chapter 11 Case No. 00-06792-WRS, concerning Dorsey Trailers, Inc., Debtor and Debtor in Possession, was issued following an April 26th hearing in which the court set out the procedures for a June 1st AUCTION to be held in Bankruptcy Court Courtroom #1, Montgomery, AL at 10:00 a.m. The notice indicates, "The Sale hearing may be adjourned from time to time without further notice other than by announcement of said adjournment at the Sale Hearing and at any adjournments thereof."

Any person or group wishing to bid on the company assets at this June 1st event may do so by following the required bidding procedures as set out by the court. For any competing bid to be considered it must exceed the existing bid of Acquisition Co.'s purchase price by no less than \$235,000.00. Any such bid must be in the form of a bid, in increments of \$10,000.00. If no competing bid notice is served and filed in compliance with the order, there will be no auction and the court will be petitioned to accept the agreement already reviewed and recommended by the company.

The latest order spells out that the sale will transfer company assets free and clear of all claims, including wage and benefit obligations, federal and state taxing authorities, environmental protection agencies, product warranties, collective bargaining agreements, etc.

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At the June 1st auction only entities who submitted a competing bid notice will be permitted to participate; subsequent bids by these entities at the hearing shall be in the form of a bid, in increments of \$10,000.00.

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**EGH HONORS WILSON**...A memorial service in memory of long-time employee of Elba General Hospital (EGH), the late Brad Wilson, was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2001, at 10 a.m. The service included the planting of a Bradford Pear Tree in the newly renovated front entrance of the facility. Ellen Briley, Chief Executive Officer of EGH, presided over the event and recognized the years of service Wilson provided in both the maintenance and radiology departments of the facility. As family members and Mrs. Briley completed the planting process, a plaque of recognition was given to the family. In addition to the administration staff, members of the hospital board, physicians, and fellow employees, a large group of local and community leaders joined with family and friends to extend their appreciation to Wilson for the service and dedication he showed to his occupation, and to the community as well. Pictured above (l-r) are: Perry and Carol Wilson, Brad's mother and father; Rob and Ginger Ward, Brad's sister and brother-in-law; Sallie Bryan, Brad's grandmother; Ellen Briley, CEO/EGH&NH; Bradley Wilson, Brad's son; Joan Ward, Brad's aunt; and Lynn Wilson, Brad's wife, Brad's daughter, Bethany Wilson, was not available for the picture.

## Coffee County's first Amendment One funded bridge nearing completion

Coffee County is nearing completion of the first of two bridges funded through proceeds made available by the passage of Amendment 1.

Governor Don Siegelman called for a special bridge letting in December 2000 to let to contract the first four projects funded under Amendment 1. Two of these projects were located in Coffee County, and two were in Chambers County.

Murphy Bridge Inc. of Troy, Ala. was awarded the low bid to construct the two bridges in Coffee County, both located on Co. Rd. 308, at an estimated cost of \$730,000. Construction of the first bridge is 95 percent complete and should be finished by May 10, 2001 (TODAY). Demolition has begun on the second bridge with an estimated completion date of August 1, 2001.

Amendment 1 provides matching funds to be used with federal bridge funds to replace structurally deficient county bridges across Alabama. The majority of the counties in Alabama, including Coffee County, received a base amount of \$3,250,000. A statewide priority system was established whereby counties must first replace bridges which were unsafe for school buses to cross. Next, the counties must replace all remaining structurally deficient bridges. Finally, if any money was left, the county

could use the balance for resurfacing.

Currently, Coffee County is the only county in the state eligible to use this Amendment 1 money for resurfacing. In fact, Coffee County let to contract the first resurfacing project using Amendment 1 money on April 27, 2001. This project will resurface Co. Rd. 111 and a portion of Co. Rd. 110.

"Coffee County has always been a leader in the State of Alabama in every aspect of county government," says Linda Westbrook, chairperson of the Coffee County Commission.

"We are proud of the fact that Coffee County was the first to have bridges under contract under Amendment 1, the first to completely replace all structurally deficient bridges, and the first to use Amendment 1 money for resurfacing."

County Engineer Randy Tindell adds that it is his goal to see that Coffee County is also the first county to completely use its entire allocation of Amendment

1 money - making Coffee County the first county eligible to receive extra funds from Amendment 1.

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council took just under one hour Monday evening to conduct the business of the town.

After dispensing with the routine items, the council addressed the new and unfinished matters of business.

Mayor Charles Cole, after noting that all members of the council were present, informed the council that the proper paperwork had been submitted in hopes of obtaining a grant from the federal government to construct a community shelter.

It is the thinking of the council that the old Junior Food Store might be suited for this purpose.

John Tallas, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency, assisted in preparing the grant application. The total grant is for \$30,000 with the federal portion being \$22,500 and the town supplying \$7,500 in matching funds. The matching portion of the grant can include in-kind services provided by the town.

No date was given as to when notification - pro or con - will be given on the grant application.

The mayor noted that the application for the law enforcement grant for cars, equipment, etc. had been postponed until September. When asked why by one member of the council, Cole responded, "There is no money there now."

"We're going to be sure there is money there when we submit the application in September," he added. "We're going to get it there before the money runs out."

Once again, the matter of a noise ordinance was brought before the council. Mayor Cole noted that due to the change in the fines to be levied made at the last meeting, the council had two options: it could be reconsidered in the present meeting, should the council vote to do so, and passed providing it is by a unanimous vote; or it can be posted for public review and considered at next month's meeting. At that time, it will only have to be approved by a majority of the council in order to become law.

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consider the ordinance, however, Councilman Jody Stuckey voted against the ordinance, as he has in the past, and action on the ordinance was deferred until the next meeting on Monday, June 4.

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Mayor Cole presented the council with the estimated cost on proposed drainage and street improvements projects to be undertaken provided funding can be obtained to do so. He noted that this includes the widening and paving of Medley Road which is a dirt road.

The town's share will be \$23,000 with the street improvements totaling \$142,296 and the storm drainage project being estimated at \$55,000. The county's engineer, Randy Tindell, has agreed to review the figures and see if he can help save the city some money. Also, he would also evaluate the possibility of the county assisting with in-kind service on the projects.

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"If things get much better,  
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The Alabama Senate passed their dog track bill (SB261) last week after a couple of days of heated debate. Now it is on the fast track in the Alabama House, with hearings set for Tuesday of this week and presumably a vote Wednesday or Thursday (today). You can listen, and believe, all the hype you hear about "stopping gambling," "getting it under control," "protecting our children" etc. you want to, but in this corner that is all just a poor disguise for dumping more money into the pockets of the dog track owners. Of course they deserve it... just ask them, their lobbyists or those benefiting financially from the lobbying efforts of the dog track folks. As presently worded the bill will limit arcades to only four machines each, paying off in merchandise certificates of \$5 or less. The bill will allow the dog tracks an unlimited number of machines and no payoff limits. It is amazing that the legislature would even consider such a bill in view of the recent Alabama Supreme Court ruling that any such machine is illegal. If Alabama abides by the court ruling, to legalize any such machines would take a vote of the people on a constitutional amendment changing the existing constitution.

More times than we can count or even want to know, shocking news arrives about an unexpected death of some friend or family member. This past weekend we got two more of those bits of sad news. First Johnny Martin died suddenly Saturday night while at his lake cottage with some friends. Then 19-year-old David Wayne Stambaugh, of Montgomery, died Sunday afternoon in a fiery crash with an 18 wheeler on Interstate 85 between Montgomery and Auburn. We didn't know the young man personally, but his mother, the former Janet Daniels, graced us with her presence and bubbly smile here at the newspaper for a while when we was about that age. . . and that only seems like yesterday.

It is often said around here that once our understanding of computers reaches the point of "mastering," or just understanding them our talents will be off doing something like running the world and not butting our heads against the wall in a weekly newspaper office. Monday evening it was very apparent that such time has not yet arrived. A computer lock-up or "crash" happened during the routine transfer of an ad from last week's paper to a neighboring newspaper. Three and a half hours later (at 9 p.m.) the #5 & @ @ machine was back to something partially resembling its old self. "Old" is a relative term, as the computer is less than a year old. However the fix was a temporary patch and no one will be surprised if the baling wire it is patched with "breaks" at any time. Actually there is no real old fashioned baling wire in the computer, but three or four offending operating system extensions, buried in the depths of a folder in a folder somewhere in the system folder are now turned off (or disabled may be the correct eyspace term). If any one of them is suddenly needed to continue operating the bits and bytes... someone (like yours truly) is in bad trouble even trying to ever again find the location of said disabled extensions.

It is a bit shocking to realize that it is already well into the month of May. In a few more blinks of your eyes the year 2001 will be half gone! Of course in the eyes of a small child that means it is fast getting time to start letting Christmas wishes be known. Time, like beauty, is all in the eyes of the beholder, but when there is as much gray in a person's hair as is in that of this country publisher, Christmas gifts are not foremost in a person's mind. Our wish is for time to slow down and our prayers are words of *Thanks* for giving us another beautiful day and more time to appreciate that very gift of life.

The day is not the only time which is beautiful. Were you lucky enough to gaze at the beauty of the night this week in the streaming moonlight?

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of April 30, 2001, through May 6, 2001. They were: Gladys Barefoot, Joyce Johnson, Charlotte Blackmon, Pauline Wood, Mary Mack, Dionta Reynolds, Jimmy Johnson, Deanna Harbuck, Lena Rushing, Ennis Odum, Betty Goodwin, Ida Mae Hooks, James Faircloth, Jack Maddox, Patricia Brooks, Mary Crandell, Eric Crook, Hazel Clark, Freddy Rodriguez, Rhonda Johnson, Watson Clark, Roben Faulk, Anthony Mitchell and Mavis LeGear.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Daniel Gullion, Gladys Barefoot, Jimmy Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Mary Mack, Dionta Reynolds, Pauline Wood, Deanna Harbuck, Betty Goodwin, Ennis Odum, Ida Mae Hooks, James Faircloth, Jack Maddox, Patricia Brooks, Mary Crandell, Eric Crook, Hazel Clark, Freddy Rodriguez, Rhonda Johnson, Watson Clark, Roben Faulk, Anthony Mitchell and Mavis LeGear.

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Coffee County & Surrounding Counties - \$17 per year  
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Alabama Counties - \$19 per year - including tax  
6 months - \$10  
Outside Alabama - \$21 per year - 6 months - \$11

## From The U. S. House of Representatives

by Congressman Terry Everett

MARKING 100 DAYS OF THE BUSH WHITE HOUSE  
Sunday marked a milestone in the new presidency of George W. Bush.

April 29 was the 100th day of the Bush White House. As a result, Washington is filled with talk about the performance of the new Chief Executive.

Ironically, the Washington press is complaining about the "dullness" of the new President, while ignoring his productive record. While the national news media may be bored with a new President who works toward building harmony while quietly getting results, the American people are apparently pleased with the change in Washington from the days of scandal and political discord. A recent national poll indicated that more than 60 percent of Americans give the new President a favorable rating for his performance since January.

Indeed, President Bush has quickly taken action on key issues important to all Americans, including education reform, tax relief for working Americans, protecting Social Security and Medicare, and strengthening our national defense.

From his very first day in office, President Bush let it be known that bipartisan education reform will be the cornerstone of his Administration. The

White House wants to ensure that no child is left behind by holding schools more accountable and insisting on results. The President and Congress are near an agreement on a comprehensive, bipartisan education reform bill, proof that when the debate is focused on shared values, respect and results, a lot can be accomplished for the good of the American people.

On the issue of tax relief, President Bush has shifted the focus from a partisan debate over if there will be tax relief to a bipartisan discussion of how much tax relief Americans will have. The American people are simply overtaxed. In fact, Americans today pay more in taxes than they pay in food, clothing and shelter combined. President Bush has helped build a bipartisan consensus for tax relief to give our economy a much needed jump-start and put money back in the pockets of the American people.

Earlier this year the President submitted his budget to Congress, that cuts taxes, funds important priorities, protects Social Security and Medicare, and pays down historic levels of debt. The President's budget has already passed the House and Senate with bipartisan support. His budget was passed earlier than usual with the support of no less than fifteen Senators. Democrats - tangible proof that the President's emphasis on

teamwork is yielding bipartisan results. In the first 100 days of the new Administration, Congress has also passed - with bipartisan support - other key components of the President's agenda, including marginal tax rate reductions, repeal of the death tax, marriage penalty tax relief, and an expansion of the child tax credit. And the President's plan to rally America's community and faith-based armies of compassion to help our most needy is also moving forward in both chambers of Congress with bipartisan support.

President Bush's first 100 days have been productive, positive and focused. His emphasis on bipartisan respect and results has begun to change the way Washington does business. The President is proving just how much can be accomplished when both political parties focus on results instead of focusing on who gets the credit.

The customers are what make this industry [propane industry] so special, and to have the opportunity to work with such a great company as Propane Gas & Appliance makes it even more special," said Norrell. "They have been in business since 1947 and no doubt they have done a lot of things right, and all I hope to do is enhance the good things they have done and improve where improvements can be made."

## Norrell named general manager of Propane Gas &amp; Appliance

Propane Gas & Appliance in New Brockton, Ala., recently named David Norrell as general manager.

Norrell comes with experience in the propane industry as purchasing & advertising director with W & J Propane, a subsidiary of Altagasco - an Enbridge Corporation, in Greenville, Ala., and marketing services manager with Blossman Gas, Incorporated in Montgomery, Ala. He is a former president of the Alabama Propane Gas Association, and has served on numerous committees, both at the state and national level.

For the past two and a half years, Norrell has been involved in the manufactured housing industry in Greenville, and he is excited to be back in the propane industry.

"The customers are what make this industry [propane industry] so special, and to have the opportunity to work with such a great company as Propane Gas & Appliance makes it even more special," said Norrell. "They have been in business since 1947 and no doubt they have done a lot of things right, and all I hope to do is enhance the good things they have done and improve where improvements can be made."

Norrell is married to Melissa Whiddon of Honorville, Ala., and they have three daughters ages 14, 13 and 9. They presently live in Honorville and attend Southside Baptist Church in Greenville where David recently served as interim minister of music.

According to Donna McCormick-Morris, owner of Propane Gas & Appliance, "David Norrell is a great addition to our team. He has been in the propane industry for many years and has a lot of experience in the marketing committee for the state association," she said. "I think it is great that he is back in the industry where his heart is, and we are excited about having him on board with us."

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## RECKIE LOU KING

Mrs. Beckie Lou King, age 90, of 126 Taylor Avenue, Elba, Ala., died May 4, 2001 at Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held May 5, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Dr. Bill Warren officiating. Burial followed in the Danleys Crossroads Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters: Judy Brown, Enterprise, Syle Hahn, Elba; two sons: Billy King and Robert King, both of Elba; two sisters: Maybell Cooper, Opp, Bonnie Ruth Herrington, Occoee, Fla.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

JOHNNY A. MARTIN  
Mr. Johnny A. Martin, age 50, of 2420 Taylor Mill Road, Elba, Ala., died May 5, 2001 in Donalsonville, Ga.

Mr. Martin was an avid outdoorsman with a passion for the game of golf and fishing and all sports events. He was a member of the Elba Golf and Country Club.

Funeral services were held May 8, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Dr. Robert Paul and Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Martin was preceded in death by his father, James R. Martin Sr.

Survivors include his daughter, Jill Martin, Auburn, Ala.; his mother, Martha Martin, Elba; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Jimmy and Marie Martin, Elba, and Ken Martin, Elba.

WINSTON WAYNE PARKER  
Mr. Winston Wayne Parker, age 75, of Warner Robins, Ga., died May 4, 2001 at Houston Medical Center.

Funeral services were held May 8, 2001 from the Chapel of Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Warner Robins, Ga., with Rev. Charles Orr officiating. Burial followed in the Parkway Memorial Gardens with Heritage Memorial Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Betty M. Parker, Warner Robins, Ga.; one son: Chip Parker, Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, Jack Parker, Elba, James W. Parker, Jr., Gulf Shores, Ala.; and one grandchild.

EMMA PEARL MACK SIMPSON  
Mrs. Emma Pearl Mack Simpson, age 85, of Pensacola, Fla., died May 3, 2001 at West Florida Hospital in Pensacola. Graveside services and burial were held May 8, 2001 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens of

calls and words of sympathy. The Family of Charles Morris 5/10pd.

KING FAMILY  
The family of Beckie Lou King wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to those who ministered to us during the recent death of our dear mother. All the food, visits, calls, cards, prayers, and words of comfort were much appreciated in our time of need.

MORRIS FAMILY  
The family of Charles Morris would like to thank everyone for their kindness, prayers, food and flowers and the loss of our loved one. Words cannot express the appreciation and comfort we feel from your

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## Obituaries

## Elba with Rev. Mike Medley

Elba with Rev. Mike Medley officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three sisters: Mary Price, Pensacola, Fla.; Sally Volpe, Niagara, N.Y.; Ruth Donovan, Lewiston, N.Y.; three brothers: John, Glenn Mack, Kinston, Bennie Mack, North, Tonawanda, N.Y.; Bill Mack, Lewiston, N.Y.

VERNA RUTH WAGNER  
Mrs. Verna Ruth Wagner, age 85, of Phenix City, Ala., died May 3, 2001 at her residence.

Mrs. Wagner was born in Coffee County, Ala. She lived in Hollywood, Calif. for over 45 years.

No funeral services will be held, according to Colonial Funeral Home of Phenix City.

Mr. Wagner was preceded in death by her husband, Morris Charles Wagner, and her parents, John Tom and Vernon Martin Blanton.

DAVID WAYNE STAMBAUGH  
Mr. David Wayne Stambaugh, age 19, of Montgomery, Ala., died May 6, 2001.

Funeral services were held May 9, 2001 at Leak Memory Chapel with Dr. John Ed Mathison and Rev. Earl Andrews officiating. Burial followed in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Stambaugh was preceded in death by his grandfathers, David R. Stambaugh and Lamar Caldwell, Elba; Brentia and Lalton Caldwell, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Xandra Hines; Opp, Mariana Magwood and Mia Smith, Ft. Rucker; his

Survivors include his parents: Wayne and Janet Stambaugh; a sister: Sandy Stambaugh; his grandmothers, Jane Stambaugh and Jo Daniels; and his aunts, uncles and cousins.

JAMES DOUG HATAWAY  
Mr. James Doug Hataway, age 65, of 6089 County Road 117, Kinston, Ala., died Sunday May 6, 2001 at Flowers Hospital Dothan, AL.

Funeral services were held at the New Life Baptist Assembly Church May 9, 2001 at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. James Hataway

officiating.

Survivors include son & daughter-in-law, Daniel & Darlene Hataway of Andalusia, AL; sister, Maybelle Hataway of Kinston, AL; sister, Elizabeth Henderson of Kinston, AL; sister, Lucy Bedsole of Mobile, AL; brother, Pete Hataway of Kinston, AL; brother, Marvin Hataway of Opp, AL; brother, Bill Hataway of Opp, AL and 4 grandchildren.

WILLIE H. CALDWELL  
Mr. Willie H. Caldwell, born Sept. 2, 1929, of Elba, Ala., died May 2, 2001.

Funeral services were held May 8, 2001 at Oak Grove Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Rodrick Caldwell officiating. Burial followed in the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Wesley, Montgomery, Paula Evans (John), South Bay, Fla.; one son Kirby Edward Wesley Jr. (Tammi), Chancellor, one brother, Frank Wesley, Chancellor, one sister, Virginia DeVane, Elba; seven grandchildren: Kirby Borowski, Adam Dormuth, Brett Gunter, Dave Gunter, Elizabeth Wesley, Emily Wesley and Sarah Kathryn Wesley.

mother-in-law, Ophelia Frazier, Opp; and a sister-in-law, Joyce Crittender (Willie Joe), Opp.

KIRBY EDWARD WESLEY SR.  
Mr. Kirby Edward Wesley Sr., of Chancellor, Ala., died May 8, 2001 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 12, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church with Rev. Gavin Cawthon and Rev. Billy Hinson officiating. Mr. Wesley will be placed in the church one hour prior to service time. Burial will be in Meadowlawn Cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Friday, May 11, 2001 at the funeral home.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Wesley, Chancellor, Ala.; four daughters: Angie Dormuth (Jim), Birmingham; Amette Gunter (Charles), Fort Worth, Texas; Phyllis Wesley, Montgomery; Paula Evans (John), South Bay, Fla.; one son Kirby Edward Wesley Jr. (Tammi), Chancellor, one brother, Frank Wesley, Chancellor, one sister, Virginia DeVane, Elba; seven grandchildren: Kirby Borowski, Adam Dormuth, Brett Gunter, Dave Gunter, Elizabeth Wesley, Emily Wesley and Sarah Kathryn Wesley.

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# SCHOOLS

## Prom Promise

On Thursday, May 3, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsored its annual Prom Promise program. Prom Promise, a program put on in high schools all over America, promotes abstinence from drinking and using drugs on prom night.

FCA Senior Representative Bethany Dye began by welcoming the juniors and seniors and speaking briefly about Prom Promise. After Junior Representative Wesley Kelley said a word of prayer, Officer Dean Blair introduced the guest speaker, Police Chief Ronnie Whitworth. Chief Whitworth shared personal experiences with the students about the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse. He also allowed the students to view pictures of vehicles that were involved in wrecks associated with driving under the influence.

Next, the students were served snacks and were given an opportunity to sign a Prom Promise commitment card. The card expressed the student's conviction that they would not use alcohol or drugs on prom night. 91 cards were signed and displayed in the lunchroom.

There was a monetary drawing at the EHS Prom on May 5 for those who brought their commitment cards with them to the prom.

Chairperson of the program Bethany Dye stated, "I think this year's program was a success, and I hope everybody stays safe during this prom weekend. I would like to thank Mr. Carlie for heading this whole thing up. We really appreciate all the Elba insurance agencies that made donations to our cause. I would also like to thank all the officials who came to support us Thursday and everybody who helped pull this all together."

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## Tiger Tales

**Editors:**  
Bethany Dye  
Amanda Beerenstrauch

## Student Spotlight

by Francie English

**Name:** Duke Carr  
**Parents:** Will and Janette Carr  
**Age:** 13  
**Grade:** 7th  
**Favorite Color:** Green  
**Favorite Music:** Rap and Country  
**Clubs/Activities:** Jr. Beta  
**Interests/Hobbies:** Playing basketball and baseball  
**Personal Quote:** "Save the drama!"

Out of all the electives offered at Elba High School, science is the one that Duke finds the most enjoyable. His logic behind this perspective is that he thoroughly enjoys performing the experiments.

There are so many opportunities offered at EHS and that is the number one reason that Duke loves attending school. He wishes he had the opportunity to take a French course, but Elba High doesn't have this class to offer.

The football game in which Duke beat Gulf Shores in '00, is the one memory from EHS that first comes to his mind when reflecting on past occurrences at school.

## Sasser attends Girls' State

Stephanie Sasser has been chosen to represent Elba High School at the 2001 session of Alabama Girls' State, held on the campus of Troy State University in Troy, June 10-15.

For one week, she will become a citizen in an imaginary state, taking part in the political life of her community, primarily through campaigning for and electing city, county and state officials. She will learn the operation of government by participating in party caucuses and through the election process.

Well-known speakers including Governor Don Siegelman and other state, county and city officials are expected to visit and to enlighten the young women on their civic responsibilities.

Miss Sasser will speak to her sponsoring organization, Elba High School, and to other organizations upon invitation about her experience at the American Legion Auxiliary Alabama Girls' State.

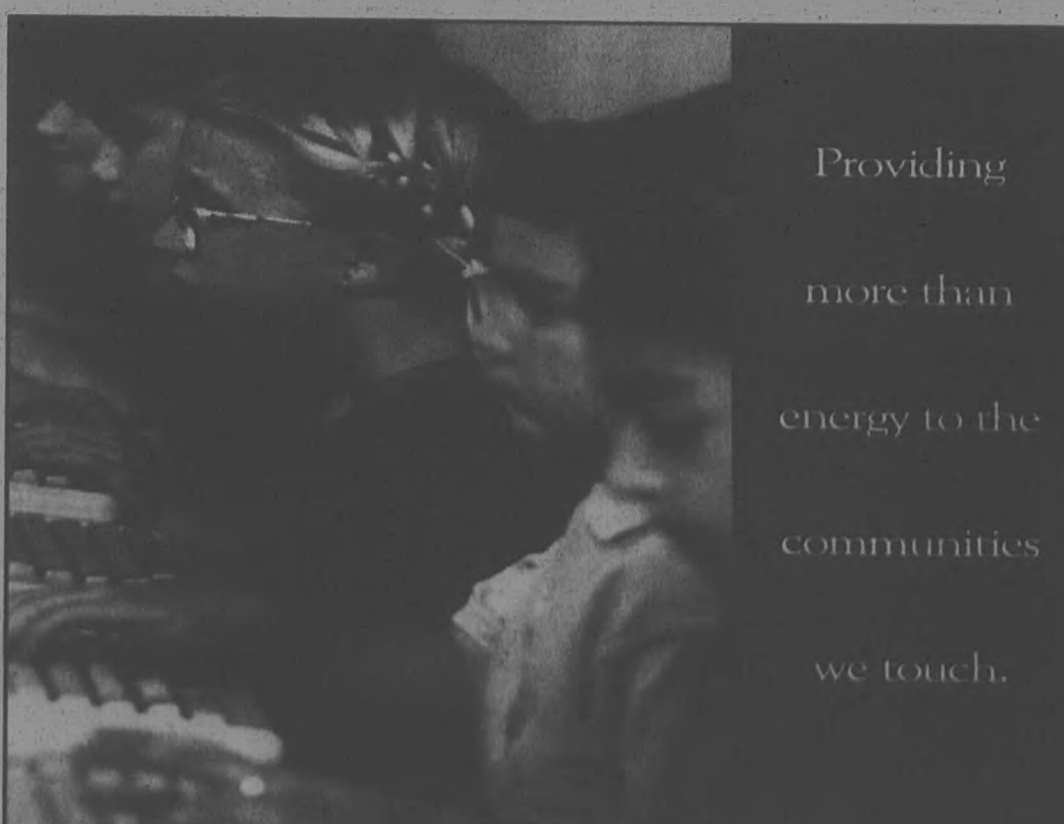
The daughter of David and Phyllis Sasser, and granddaughter of Drexel and Annette Kelley



Duke Carr

offer to the students. When Duke advances from high school, he plans on going to the University of Alabama. The football game in which Duke beat Gulf Shores in '00, is the one memory from EHS that first comes to his mind when reflecting on past occurrences at school.

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## Elba students strive for the gold



by Leanne Mallory

Through the years Elba City Schools has been bursting with talent, and this year has been no different. On April 20, the Special Education students from Elba High School and Elba Elementary School participated in the Coffee/Dale County Special Olympics, which is sponsored by the Special Olympics of Alabama. This year Elba had around 11 participants and each did well. Randall Crawford received second place in both the 400m race walk and 1000m race walk. Chris Odum received 2nd place in the 200m dash and 1st place in the 100m dash. Ian Gippis placed 3rd in the 200m run and 2nd in the 100m dash. Renee Mitchell placed 3rd in the 100m dash and 1st in the 400m race walk. Nicky Flowers received 2nd place in the 100m race walk and 1st place in the 100m dash. Ashley Frost placed 4th in the 100m dash and 1st in the 100m race walk. Seth Waldon placed 4th in the 100m dash and 1st in the 100m race walk. Merrill Curran received 3rd place in both the 100m dash and 200m run. Joann Mitchell placed 3rd in the 200m run and 1st 100m dash. Jessica Burks placed 2nd in the 200m run and 1st in the 100m dash. Justin Gray placed 3rd in the 100m dash and 1st in the 200m run. Congratulations to all the participants.

## Support Our Youth & Education

## EES Grandparent's Day



by Amanda Beerenstrauch

On Tuesday, April 24, a slightly older crowd than the one that normally roams the halls of EES overran Elba Elementary School. Grandparents of students in grades K-6 were invited to visit with their grandchildren, see some of their work and talk to their teachers. The activities began at 9 and lasted until 10:30 a.m. Principal Mickey McCollough kicked off the event by welcoming all the grandparents and giving a short reminder of other activities that will be coming up soon. After that, the grandparents were dismissed according to what grade their grandchildren were in, with Kindergarten going first. The visitors were allowed to go to their grandchild's classroom and afterwards were treated to refreshments in the cafeteria. It was a fun-filled morning for both the students and the grandparents.

The only candidates not running unopposed are Deanne Smith and Heather Hays for the position of reporter/historian. Both opponents had strong points in their speeches, and the race is sure to be very close.

Heather Hays was introduced by her campaign manager Ashley Harrison. The current vice-president Jerry DuBoise introduced Deanne Smith.

Both opponents were unopposed, they gave acceptance speeches. Anne Anderson accepted the position of secretary/treasurer. The current secretary/treasurer Bart Barnes will take the helm next year as vice-president.

Chelsea Cooper will relieve Neil Granham of his duties as president of the Student Government Association. Look forward to a prosperous 2001-2002 year at Elba High School.

Monday - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Wednesday - Biscuit, Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Thursday - Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

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## SPORTS

*Lady Tigers improve record to 30-14*

two walks and two errors to jump out to a 5-1 lead in the bottom of the first, and then added runs in every inning to roll to the five-inning win. Casey Skinner got 3 hits to lead Elba to the plate, while Devri Kilcrease, Rachel Bludsworth and Brittney Daniels all added 2 hits.

The Lady Tigers completed the double-header sweep with an easy 13-0 win in the second game of the afternoon. Neither team could get on the scoreboard in the opening two innings, but Elba placed 3 runs in the third to sneak ahead 3-0, and then pushed across 10 runs in the bottom of the fourth to blow the game wide open. The fourth inning fireworks were highlighted by a two-run home run by Samantha Williams; two hits by LaGina Mack and a two-run double by Melissa Mularz. LaGina Mack got 3 hits to lead Elba, while Melissa Mularz, Aubretta Williams, Samantha Williams and Melissa Kelley all added 2 hits.

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# DOULES

In Highland Home,  
7:30 - Reds vs. Highland Home  
In Georgiana,  
7:00 - Georgiana vs. Rebels  
Monday, May 14  
In Luverne,  
6:00 - Georgiana vs. Highland

Home  
8:00 - Braves vs. Reds  
Tuesday, May 15  
In Elba.  
6:00 - Rebels vs. D'Backs  
8:00 - Brantley vs. Red Sox  
**SOFTBALL**

Field #2  
Thursday, May 10  
 6:00 - Cobras vs. Brewers  
Monday, May 14  
 6:00 - Mets vs. Swallows  
Tuesday, May 15  
 6:00 - Cobras vs. Shock

**Dixie Softball**  
Angels & Ponytails  
Hawkins-Williams Park  
Thursday, May 10  
Field #1  
7:15 - Pride vs. Bats  
Field #2  
7:15 - Scrappers vs. Cyclones

Field #1  
7:15 - Bees vs. Buzz  
Monday, May 14  
Field #1  
7:15 - Bees vs. Bats  
Field #3  
7:15 - Scrappers vs. Cyclones  
Tuesday, May 15  
Field #1  
7:15 - Buzz vs. Pride  
Field #2  
7:15 - Bandits vs. Cyclones  
Field #3  
7:15 - Bees vs. Patriots

Dixie Softball  
Belles  
In Opp  
Monday, May 14  
7:00 - Slyders vs. Elba

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Sage Kelley, Hayes Spicer and John Ashley Amison all scored 2 runs; and Michael Martin and Ashton Senn both scored 1 run. Thomas Cole scored 4 runs to lead the Cubs, while Jeremy Duncan, Jeffery Wright, Bo Wiggins, William Petty, Harry Griffin, Taylor Ellis and Joseph Coxwell all scored 3 runs; and Austin Johnson and Justin Verdun scored 1 run each.

**\*\*\* Cubs 19 Pirates 14 -** The Cubs pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down the Pirates 19-14. Taylor Ellis scored 3 runs to lead the Cubs, while Austin Johnson, Jeremy Duncan, Jeffery Wright, Bo

Giggins, William Petty, Harry Griffin and Joseph Coxwell all scored 2 runs, and Justin Verdin scored 1 run. Chase Sauls and Seth Hanchey both scored 2 runs for the Pirates, while Isaac Nelson, Gunnar McCollough and Jantzen Flowers scored 2 runs each, and William Hooks and Brantson Bowers both scored 1 run.

**Marlins 20 Astros 4** - The Marlins took it to a big 20-4 win over the Astros. Cameron Johnson, Josh Johnson, Xavier Rodgers, Chance Goosby, Michael Rogers, Jordan Williams, Hayes Spicer and Conner Kelley all scored 2 runs for the Marlins, while Sage Kelley, Tyler Anderson, Ashton Senn and Tyron Burks all scored 1 run. Nick Profit scored 2 runs for the Astros, while Garrett Stephenson and Brandon

Prison scored 1 run, each.

**The Cardinals** 21 Cubs 20 - The Cardinals outscored the Cubs, 20 to 21, in the season's final game. Steven Smith and Dylan Cautley scored 3 runs each for the Cardinals, while Ryan Boop, Keith Stephens, Cody Winters, Rob Driggers, Brandon Carpenter and Cody Barber all scored 2 runs. Harry Griffin, Taylor Ellis and Joseph Coxwell each scored 3 runs for the Cubs, while Bo Wiggins, Thomas Cole, William Pettin, Austin Johnson and Justin Verdin all scored 2 runs, and Jeffery Smith scored 1 run.

**††† Astros 20 Pirates 19** - The Astros scored runs in bunches to outscore the Pirates 20 to 19. Tate Swanson and Garrett Scott both scored 3 runs for the Astros, while Adam Bryant, Garrett Stephenson, Shelby Strickland, D.J. Spivey and Brandon

Arnold all scored 2 runs, and Caleb Lindsey, Nick Proffitt and Matt Rogers all scored 1 run. Seth Hanchey scored 4 runs to lead the Pirates, while Brantson Bowers scored 3 runs; Mason Davis, William Hooks, Gunnar Johnson, and Chase Sauls all scored 2 runs. Jantzen Flowers, all scored 2 runs; and Ashton Davis scored 1 run.

**DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL**

**\*\*\*Diamondbacks 14**

**Mariners 1** - The Diamondbacks scored early and often in a 14-1 win over the Mariners. Matt Brunson got 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the D'Backs, while Joe Davis, Lance Walden, Steven Petry, Weston Brown and Shane Barnhill all scored 2 runs. Garrett Stinson added 2 runs, while the Mariners' Greg Carney also scored 1 run and Edin, Munoz added 1 hit. Kyle

Boehler scored the lone Mariner run.

\*\*\* **Dodgers 10 Reds 7** - The Dodgers rallied with 8 runs in their final at-bat to sneak past the Reds 10-7. Brandon Byrd and Jacob Petty both scored 2 runs for the Dodgers, while Sebastian Haddaway got 1 hit and scored 1 run. Also scoring 1 run were Kevin Allen, Devin Jackson, Kyle Pope and Cody Ross. For the Reds, Heath Bell and scored 2 runs to lead the Reds, while Jonathan Farmer added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Justin Winters and Robbie Thrash both added 1 hit. Marshall George scored 2 runs and Ricky Yeager scored once.

\*\*\* **Angels 6 Braves 5** - The Angels pulled ahead late and then held on to edge the Braves 6-5. Jordan McBride got 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the

Angels, while Richard Cooks also added 1 hit and Gavin Flowers, Aaron Drewery, Dylan McCollough and Jason Allen all scored 1 run. Bradley Wilson hit

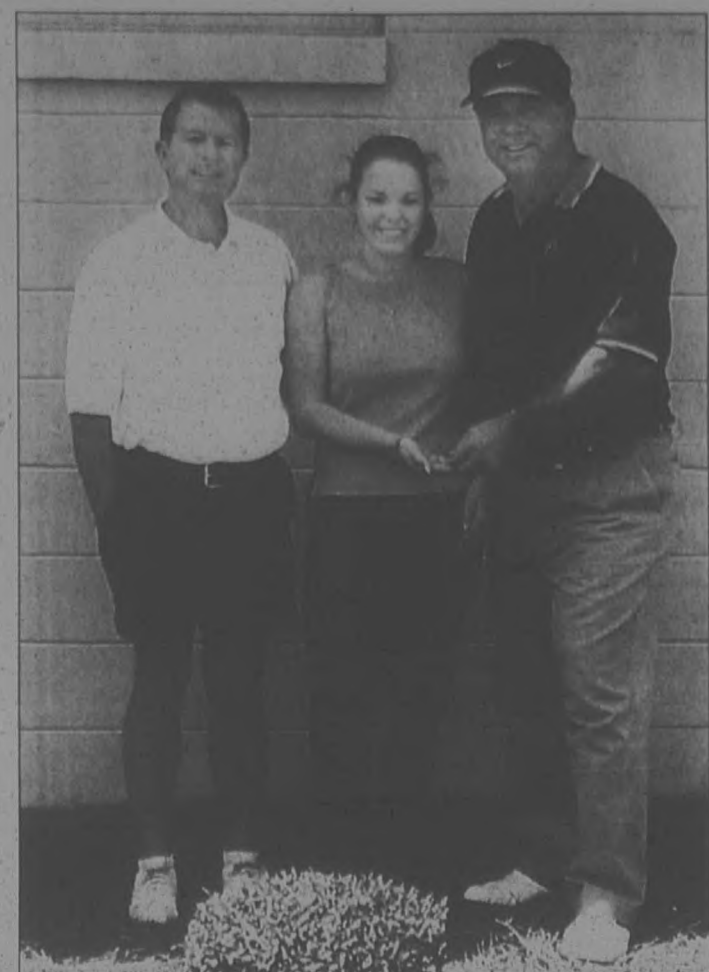
\*\*\* **Rebels 8 Brantley 7.** - T.J. Winters got 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Rebels.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Christy Ward is going to Australia with the Rotary Exchange Program for the summer. Dale Crowe (left) and Troy State University Coach Larry Blakeney (right) are shown presenting Christy with TSU pins to share with other youth.

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## Local resident gets 'rich' from litter in a ditch

Picking up litter along local rural roads helps clean up the neighborhood, and it helped Charles Mack of Elba, Ala., find a certificate worth \$100 while collecting litter along County Road 410.

There's lots more cash where that came from, according to the publishers of *Country* magazine, including one certificate worth \$5,000 hidden somewhere in the United States. Here's the background about all those riches in area ditches.

*Country* magazine, published in Greendale, Wis., has launched

its third annual "Great Country Cleanup" campaign. With the help of 250 field editors, the magazine hid 10 small packets somewhere in each of the 50 states.

Finding one is worth \$100. And among all those packets is one "special" one worth \$5,000.

The national "Adopt a Highway" program and other anti-litter programs have done a lot to clean up our country's major roads, but not much is being done to clean up rural roads," says *Country* Editor Jerry Wiebel. "Frankly, unsightly litter has become a real eyesore

in many rural areas. And, since our magazine celebrates the beauty of rural America, we feel it's appropriate that we be the ones who try to do something about the problem."

To get the project underway, *Country* turned to its 250 field editors, who regularly provide input from their areas. These field editors were sent tiny biodegradable plastic packets with a small plastic "needle in a haystack" and a note inside stating, "Hay, You Found It!"

The note informs the searchers they have won \$100 and tells them who to call to report the

finding and collect the prize. (Each note is coded, so the *Country* editors know that the note is theirs and not a substitute.)

The field editors were simply asked to check for rural roads that could use some cleaning and then "pitch a packet in the ditch." The editors were sent tiny biodegradable plastic packets with a small plastic "needle in a haystack" and a note inside stating, "Hay, You Found It!"

## New Brockton Elementary School announces honor rolls

### "A" Honor Roll

1st Grade  
Shelby Kendall Atkins, Monica Dawn Anciso, Claire Elizabeth Bailey, Candice Tia Barbacid, Amber Renee Barnett, Robert Lofton Bell, Ryan Patrick Boon, Mary Michael Dunn, Savannah Elizabeth Ellis, Allie Elizabeth Forehand, Jena Nicole Freese, Sanh Duong Herbert, Laken Louise Hornsby, Katie Sierra Lee, Kaedra Shon'orra Mitchell, Danielle Alexa Mack, Cassandra Renee Pawlik, Derrick Keith Harrison Stephens, Kimberly Maxine Stephenson, Kenneth Carter Weathers Jr., Tyler Lee Bloodworth Whitley, 2nd Grade  
Alyssa Danielle Brown, Britany Nicole Clarke, Jamariah Lufie Dunn, Keundra Kennel

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Edwards, Aubrey Anna Hawkins, Britany Nichole Hay, Ronald Michelle Hendrix, Brian Reed Hallon, Chelsey Nicole Holloway, Meagan Evonne Jones, Jamie Lynn Kerrigan, Keltzie Danielle Myers, Kayla Marie Purvis, Steven Grady Smith, Shelby Lee Stankland, Thomas Anthony Thomason, Karlin Marie Turner, Courtney Mariah Williams, 3rd Grade  
Dixie Leanne Brownell, Nohaira Marie Castellanos, Katherine Abigail Dinaway, Justin Robert Griswold, Teyn Darnell McNair, Heaven Cassidy Renee Moore, Adam Joshua Pope, Kyle Christopher Roehler, Sarah Catherine Sims, Harley Michelle Wallace, Britany Elizabeth Whitehead, Sawyer James Whitaker, Kelly Wynn Wood, Kristin Lee Wood, 4th Grade  
Kendall Lavin Chappell, Chelsea Ann Dempsey, Britney Kaye Eubanks, Larry Kyle Oxborn, Daniel Hollis Fair Jr., Jessica Lauren Parrish, 5th Grade

Kristine Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Daniel Graham Kelley, Bethany Michelle Milligan, Treise Matthew Roberts, Lydia Rochelle Townsend, 6th Grade  
Justin Gregory Corbett, Adam Christopher Scott, Crosby Heath Michael Hollis, Tyler Monroe Moore, Nicholas Austin O'Neal, Andrea Micheal Proffitt, Britany Michele Thomason, Ashley Nicole Tidwell

"A-B" Honor Roll  
1st Grade  
Rebecca Louise Adams, Timothy Chad Beavers, Rebel Lee Boswell, Heaven Pung Caldwell, Renee Moore, Adam Joshua Pope, Kyle Christopher Roehler, Sarah Catherine Sims, Harley Michelle Wallace, Britany Elizabeth Whitehead, Sawyer James Whitaker, Kelly Wynn Wood, Kristin Lee Wood, 4th Grade  
Kendall Lavin Chappell, Chelsea Ann Dempsey, Britney Kaye Eubanks, Larry Kyle Oxborn, Daniel Hollis Fair Jr., Jessica Lauren Parrish, 5th Grade

Marie Doak, Robert William Driggers, Brandon Michael Fannon, Michael Haynes Jr., Audrey Ann Johnson, Jeremy Dewayne Johnson, Belinda Tianna Teisa Jones-Pitt, Stephen Marler, Bethany Denise McVaters, Dustin Cole Mills, Shelby Kyle Penacoe, Kimberly Renee Perdue, Amber Nichole Senn, David Lamar Spivey, Brianna Shae Thews, 3rd Grade  
Elizabeth Jolynn Han Brewer, Bonchi Mollie Victoria Brown, Austin William Bryant, Justin Jeremiah Emond, Matthew Chase Hendrix, Jessica Rose Hilyer, Paul Daniel Hollon, Joseph David Kungler, Kevin Skyles Lee, Chelsea Lynn Lindsey, Letel Marie Magwood, Daniel Nickalus Stephenson, Krista Danielle Thomas, Matthew Scott Thomas, Jesse Lawayne Wilson, 4th Grade  
Corey Lee Adams, Mytisha Rashara Andrews, Jeremiah Tyrl Barefoot, Bobby Daniel Bradley, Hannah Nicole Dueitt, Maranda Lea Foust, Ashley Nicole Horton, Ashley Nicole Howell, Benjamin Carl Johnson, Jeremy Lee Johnson, Kayla Marie Kerrigan, Brandon Michael Lee, Gregarious Sanchez McNair, Anna Elizabeth Sawyer, Glen Ethan Scott, Chelsea Amber Smith, Christopher David Stinson, 5th Grade  
Travis Shane Adkison, Ashlee Anne Beasock, Devon James Blevins, Amber Michelle Carmichael, Emilee Grace Dunn, Courtney Khiry Foster, Nathan James Foster, Andrew Searcy Fuller, Megan Hope Grosland, Callie Anne Hollis, Christian Lyle Izquierdo, Megan Breonna Jones, Monica Nicole Largent, Cullen Wayne Martin, Malory Jo Meissner, Ann-marie Angeleno Miller, Aaron Justin Pope, Kyle Glen Purvis, Savannah Danielle Senn, Leon Hillman Shirley, Virginia Pearl Smith, Derrick Mark Stokes, Brandi Starlyn Taylor, Mia Leigh Taylor, 6th Grade  
Collin Duane Creel, Bon Thomas Deaderick, Brandon Jayce Griswold, Jamie Leann Motley, Gregory Antonio Patterson, Ryan Donovan Roehler, Lucas Kent Simmons, Stevie Diane Speigner, Elizabeth Victoria Stone, Chastity A. Wood, Dustin Kyle York

**Festival at the Well set for May 19 in Glenwood**

The Flowing Well Foundation, Inc. will host the Eighth Annual Festival At The Well on Saturday, May 19, beginning at 9 a.m. in Glenwood. The festivities will begin with a parade at the northern section of town and will precede to the festival site where the opening ceremony will be held. The day will include activities for the entire family including musical entertainment, arts and crafts show, eatables from the sweet shop and a children's beauty pageant. The children's beauty pageant will have on-site registration; however, anyone who would like to pre-register should contact Marie Faulk at 335-6470. The day's entertainment will consist of gospel, country, bluegrass, and jazz, rhythm and blues music, along with dance groups. The festival will conclude with an old-fashioned street dance at 7 p.m., with the band "Down Home" performing. Barbecue will be cooked by the Glenwood Fire Department. Everyone is invited.

# 148th Brunson Reunion held in Elba

More than 400 members of the Brunson family gathered at Elba Elementary School on Saturday, April 21. This was 148th anniversary of the late Fox Brunson, sponsor of the Reunion from 1951-1977. He married Mary Bailey of Elba and they established their home on Brunson Hill where they lived their married life of 51 years. They had two sons, the late Fox Jr. of Mobile and Marion of Elba.

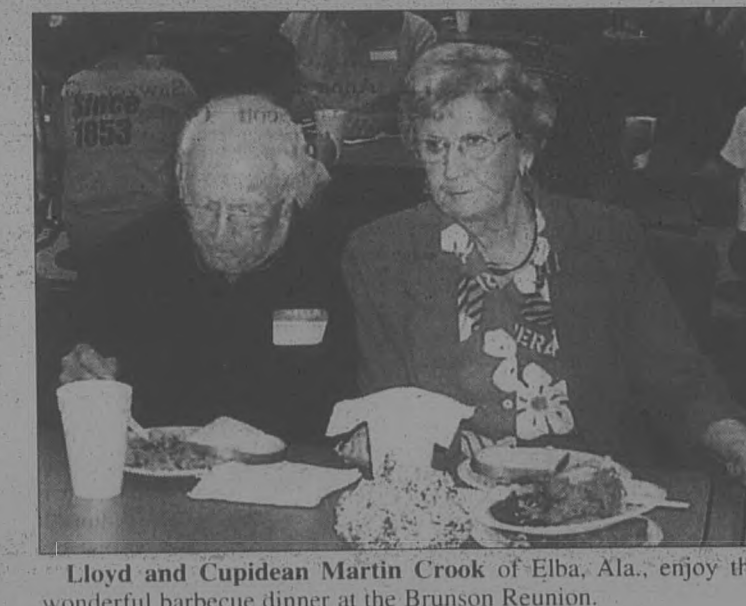
The 2001 Reunion was held on the 100th birthday of the late Fox Brunson, sponsor of the Reunion from 1951-1977. He married Mary Bailey of Elba and they established their home on Brunson Hill where they lived their married life of 51 years. They had two sons, the late Fox Jr. of Mobile and Marion of Elba.

Jack E. Brunson prepared a color coded chart of the children and grandchildren of Matthew and Sarah. Colored dots were placed on the name tags of those in attendance. This created great interest and enthusiasm among family members as they saw how the family tree ties together.

Excited relatives made great plans to return to Elba on April 19, 2002 for another birthday celebration of Matthew Brunson and to continue their great family legacy.



Brunson Reunion Wedding...Jackie and George Holberg were married by Retired Probate Judge Marion Brunson at his home here in Elba on Friday evening, April 20. They were in Elba to attend the 148th Brunson Reunion.



Lloyd and Cupidean Martin Crook of Elba, Ala., enjoy the wonderful barbecue dinner at the Brunson Reunion.

## Brunsons visit South Carolina Brunson Reunion

Nancy and Marion Brunson spent several days in Brunson, South Carolina recently. Located in Hampton, Brunson was incorporated in 1874 and descendants of the original family continue to live there. A Brunson Reunion was held at the community center on Saturday, April 28.

The original unique octagon-shaped Town Hall was built on stilts beside the railroad tracks so the town clerk could send and receive the mail without leaving the office. The old Town Hall has been moved away from the tracks and now serves as a museum for the town.

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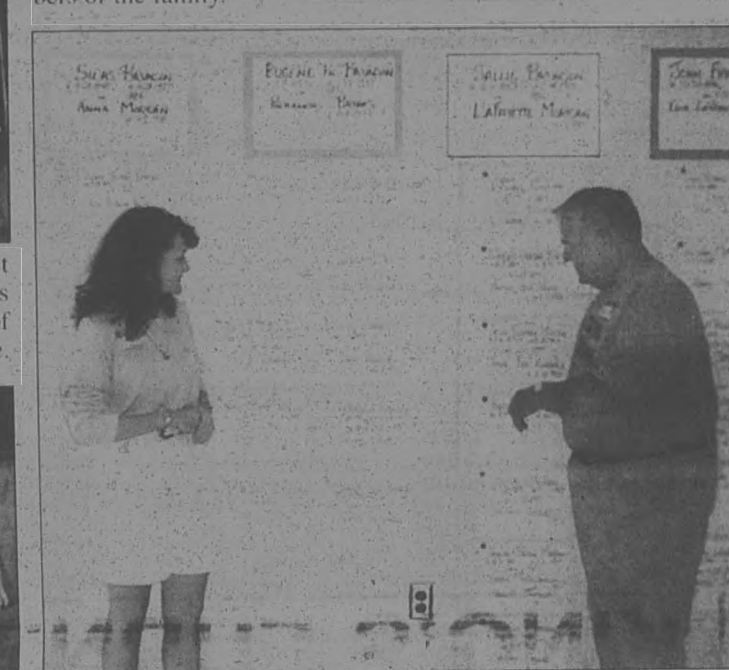
Youngest and Oldest at the 148th Brunson Reunion...Rhett Dawson Flowers, the 4-month-old son of Marie and Chris Flowers of Elba, was the youngest, and Ruth Brunson Mason, age 90, of Dothan, daughter of Warsaw Brunson, was the oldest in attendance.



Family members from nine states were present at the 2001 Brunson Reunion. Front Row (l to r): North Carolina, Curtis Dockerty of Andrews; Alabama, Ruth Brunson Mason of Dothan; Virginia, Kathleen Estridge of Meadows of Dan; Georgia, Melba Skipper of Columbus. Back Row (l to r): Colorado, Ken Hutchison of Denver; Florida, Lenora Smith of Newville; West Virginia, Jeannette Wolfe of Moorefield; Tennessee, Harry Reichmann of Knoxville; Texas, Bart Whitley of China Springs.



Darlene Hutchison of Dallas, Texas and Marion Brunson of Elba discuss the various lines of the Brunson Family displayed on the wall by Jack E. Brunson.



The various lines of the Brunson Family displayed on the wall by Jack E. Brunson.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



**ALASKANS VISIT ELBA.** Judy and Joe Johnson of Anchorage, Alaska, are visiting the Marion Brunson family. Judy, a Talladega, Ala., native, is the daughter of the late Ed and Dorothy Brunson Hyde, owners of the Purolos Hotel. Judy is a niece of the late Eva Brunson Purolos, founder of the internationally famous hotel, Alaska Joe is from Angoon Village on Admiralty Island, brown bear country. He can be reached by e-mail at jbeachcomber@gei.net.

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**BOOKS DONATED IN HONOR OF SPEAKERS.** The New Seasons Study Club recently donated two books to the Elba City Library in honor of two guest speakers, Mr. Darrell Dixon of Coffee County EMS, and Kaye Whitworth of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Presenting the books to librarian Kaye Wilson, is club secretary Betty Lawford, and treasurer, Sabrina Kelley.

**Miriam Cum Laude**

Bonita E. Hurley graduated Summa Cum Laude from Elizabeth City State University on Dec. 9, 2000. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer and information science with a minor in business. Bonita is the daughter of Marlene Willis and the late Malcolm "Sally" Willis of Elba. She lives with her husband, Greg, and children, Heather and Gregory, in Camden, N.C.

Bonita is employed with Digital System Resources in Virginia Beach, Va. as a software engineer.

**The Pampered Chef, Ltd.** joining fight against cancer

Breast cancer affects the lives of families every day. This year, approximately 182,800 cases will be diagnosed and about 40,800 women will die of the disease. According to the American Cancer Society, early detection is the best protection.

Through its "Help Whip Cancer" corporate-giving campaign, The Pampered Chef, Ltd., a leading seller of high-quality kitchen tools and specialty food items, has partnered with the American Cancer Society to raise both awareness and funds for breast cancer early detection and education programs.

At in-home cooking demonstrations throughout the month of May, The Pampered Chef's 60,000 Independent Kitchen Consultants nationwide will encourage guests to purchase a special Adjustable Measuring Spoons Twin Set, featuring pink measurement markings, or a pink Twixit! Clip Combo Pack. For each Adjustable Measuring Spoons Twin Set purchased, \$2 will go directly to the American Cancer Society's breast cancer early detection and education programs. And for each pink Twixit! Clip Combo Pack purchased, \$1 will be donated to the American Cancer Society's breast cancer early detection

and education programs. Both the measuring spoons and the unique pink-colored clips come in a twin-pack and include helpful information about the importance of breast cancer early detection. The Pampered Chef Kitchen Consultants further support the cause by promoting the sharing of the Twixit! Clips and the measuring spoons with a friend, reinforcing the message of "Hope, Progress and Answers" through early detection.

Help Whip Cancer Kitchen Show Fund-raisers held in May can be designated to benefit the American Cancer Society. A percentage of total sales are donated directly to the organization's breast cancer early detection and education programs. Last year, The Pampered Chef donated over \$400,000 to the American Cancer Society through its "Help Whip Cancer" campaign.

For more information about how to "Help Whip Cancer" in May by purchasing Twixit! Clips, the Adjustable Measuring Spoons Twin Set and/or hosting a Kitchen Show Fund-raiser, please call the local Independent Kitchen Consultant for the Pampered Chef, Ltd., Jan Murray at (334) 897-6962.

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## Commission deals with bids & jail

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting in its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting Monday morning wasted little time in moving through its agenda and signing bills.

Most of the meeting time was consumed by the opening and awarding of bids dealing with the courthouse, extension office and the highway department.

The bid for the cleaning of the Enterprise Courthouse was awarded to Southern Management Company of Dothan. The firm submitted a low bid of \$26,340. Two other bids submitted from an Opp firm and another Dothan firm were \$26,400 and \$26,520 respectively. A fourth cleaning firm located in Andalusia submitted a bid of \$34,385.

The employees who work in the County Extension Service office in the County Complex in New Brockton will now be able to do so in comfort. The commission had voted in an earlier meeting to replace the heating and cooling unit for that facility and Monday's meeting saw that come to pass. Snellgrove-Caylor Heating & Cooling of Level Plains was the low bidder for supplying and installing a new heat pump. Their bid was \$6,550. Other bids ranged from \$6,953 to \$7,950 with only one firm offering a trade-in allowance of \$100 for the old unit.

There was only one bid submitted on the boom cutter to be used by the county highway department, and it was in the amount of \$33,587. Equipment & Parts Specialty Company of Montgomery was the lone bidder.

County Engineer Randy Tindell commented that the reason for several new bids was that there is "only one company that builds this new type saw head mounted on the arm."

After reviewing the bid, Tindell recommended that the award be made to the lone bidder.

Zack Ennis, jail administrator for Coffee County, gave com-

missioners a report on the status of maintaining the jail.

"Maintenance is going pretty good just keeping up the routine things," said Ennis. He did elude to one minor problem of acquiring some screws for some cover plates; however, he did say he thought this would be readily solved by getting a different supplier.

Another problem at the jail was brought to the commission's attention concerning medical bills.

He told commissioners that a local dentist had notified him that he did not want to see any more inmates from New Brockton — meaning inmates being incarcerated by the Town of New Brockton. Ennis stated that the doctor said he had not been paid for his services since January.

During the discussion of this problem, it was noted by County Administrator Wilson Mobley that a local law enacted by the state legislature authorized/allowed local municipalities to use the county jail to house their inmates; however, that same law stipulates that the municipalities will pay for food and medical expenses incurred by their respective inmates.

He further noted that there is a contract with the municipalities that states they are responsible for their inmates' medical bills. It appears that this is a legal issue between the municipality and the doctor.

Ennis expressed his concern about the liability concerning the municipalities' inmates need of medical attention and the refusal of doctors to treat because of non-payment.

"If New Brockton says they're not going to pay and we've got an inmate that needs to go to the doctor, what are we going to do about it?" asked Ennis. "If we don't take them, we are liable."

The county attorney, Joe Cassidy, who was present in Monday's meeting, commented, "They better not come back to the county because they've breached their contract! They have contracted with the county to take care of medical expenses

of their inmates, and you've got the same contract with every one of the municipalities."

After several minutes of discussion, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jim Thompson, addressing this matter. In the form of a resolution, the commission (unanimously) stipulated that any municipality inmate taken to a doctor for medical purposes and refused treatment because of non-payment for previous services shall be returned to the custody of that particular municipality.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 29, at 9 a.m.

Other matters of business addressed by the commission were as follows:

• Approved sending out bid requests for a knuckle boom loader truck for the highway department

• Approved sending out bids for Ductac. This is an experimental product to be used on dirt roads.

• Passed a resolution initialing the paperwork on the paving of Co. Rd. 155

• Authorized minor material changes in accordance with recommendation made by architects designing the senior citizens centers for the Pine Level and Damascus communities.

Also, approved sending out bid requests for the installation of septic tanks at each of these facilities.

• Approved application for COPS grants by the sheriff's department.

• Passed a resolution placing a number one priority on applying for funds to construct a senior citizens center in District 4 near the Mt. Pleasant Community.

• Approved the allocation of an additional \$600 to purchase blinds for the Enterprise Courthouse. In an earlier meeting, \$1,500 was approved for this purpose.

• Authorized the maintenance department to begin the renovation of the building donated by the county board of education to house the senior citizens center at Zion Chapel.

## City Council completes appointments

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council on Monday evening completed appointments to the new Cemetery Board, Planning & Zoning Board and the Board of Zoning Adjustments. They also passed a resolution supporting the Pea River Reservoir project being promoted by Governor Don Siegelman and decided two city owned housing lots to the Coffee County Habitat For Humanity. Paying of monthly bills and voting to replace some missing street signs consumed the balance of the meeting.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told the council that all department members have taken a volunteer drug screen test and the drug task force has broken up four mechanic labs in the county recently and one resulted in arrest of two Elba men.

Whitworth also announced the pending retirement of Police Officer L. C. Cook, effective June 1st. Cook has worked with the Elba Police Department for the past 26 years.

A letter presented to council members by fellow councilman Ronnie Hammond created a brief stir. The letter, which was written in the first person from Cook to Councilman Hammond requested Officer Cook be given, along with his badge, a retirement badge and a Colt

Revolver that has been an item of tension in the past. The pistol was reported a confiscated weapon that Officer Cook used on patrol for many years.

Chief Whitworth continues to explain that neither he nor the City of Elba has the authority to give or sell such weapons. He has explained repeatedly that according to law such a weapon can either be used in active police work or destroyed. The council members agreed to check the legality of the city donating (or selling) a retiring officer his service revolver.

Upon the recommendation of councilman L. M. Burch, Wenzel Gray was appointed to fill the District 1 seat on the Elba Cemetery Board.

Scott Kelley was appointed to complete a term on the Board of Zoning Adjustments. Mike McGuire, who did serve in that position, was replaced and appointed as a supernumerary on the same board.

Jerry McMillian was reappointed to another six year term on the Elba planning & Zoning Board.

A resolution recommended by Mayor James Grimes to increase automobile mileage reimbursement from 30¢ per mile to the 34¢ per mile accepted by the IRS. The motion was made but failed to get a second.

Another resolution was approved by the council. It was a unanimous endorsement of Governor Siegelman's plan to build a flood control reservoir on Pea River.

Two lots on Adkinson Street were declared surplus and approval was given to sell them to Coffee County Habitat For Humanity. The city acquired the lots in the 1980's in a federally funded project to upgrade housing.

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Area Happenings

**SENIOR BACCALAUREATE SERVICE.** Baccalaureate services for the senior class of New Brockton High will be held at 2:00 p.m. on May 27 at New Home Baptist Church on Co. Rd. 617.

**AREA SCHOOLS' GRADUATION EXERCISES.** Brantley High School - Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at 7:30 in the school's gymnasium; Kinston High School - Thursday, May 31, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the school's auditorium; New Brockton High School - Thursday, May 31, 2001, at 8:00 p.m. in the school's stadium (weather permitting); and Zion Chapel High School - Friday, June 1, 2001, at 8:00 p.m. in the school's stadium (weather permitting).

**TRAIL RIDE.** The Coffee County Trailriders during the week-end of May 19 and 20 will participate in the Festival at The Well Parade in Glenwood, Ala. and afterwards will host a trail ride. Everyone is invited to bring their horse and buggy and join in the fun.



**FAMILY FINDERS OPENS REGIONAL OFFICE.** Family Finders, a collaborative effort of social service agencies to find foster and adoptive homes for children in the custody of the State of Alabama Department of Human Resources, recently opened a regional office in Elba. The Elba office serves 11 counties including: Coffee, Covington, Geneva, Crenshaw, Barbour, Russell, Houston, Dale, Henry, Pike and Bullock. Additional offices in Elba's region are located in Troy and Dothan. The role of the Family Finders Program is to recruit families and provide the training required by the state in order to complete the foster care or adoption application. Although Family Finders is not entirely new to the City of Elba, the agency's Elba office has just recently been named the regional office. Therefore, the Elba Chamber of Commerce and several local officials were on hand last Thursday morning to officially welcome the Family Finders regional office and employees to service in Elba. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony were (from left to right): Kelly Sanders, social worker, Margie Robertson, regional director; Junior Miss Elba Mary Katherine Head; Janet Rawls, regional coordinator; Future Little Miss Elba Brinley Williams; Janet Strickland, social worker; Elba Mayor James Grimes; Shonda Sellers, social worker; Destiny Hudson, social worker; Little Miss Elba Brooke Weeks; Bradley Weeks; Elaine Dodd; office manager; Vicky Bailey; Miss Elba Carey Holloway; Tommy Skinner; Kaye Whitworth, Elba Chamber of Commerce executive director; and Herby McCall. For additional information concerning the Family Finders program, call 1-888-920-FIND.

## MIRIAM SHEHANE AWARD PRESENTATION DA Fuller receives prestigious award

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The 12th Judicial Circuit's District Attorney, Mark Fuller, was recently presented with the annual Miriam Shehane Award. Fuller serves the people of Coffee and Pike counties.

The award is presented annually by VOCAL, and organization dedicated to fighting for victims' rights, to the person most concerned about victims of crime and compassion for victims and their families.

Fuller was one of three finalists being considered for the award. The other two district attorneys considered were from Jefferson and Montgomery counties. In selecting the recipient, the criteria used is the individual is not a victim, one that goes beyond the call of duty, a person who listens to the victims and has no regard for positions held.

Since his appointment in 1996, and his being elected as District Attorney of the 12th Judicial Circuit in 1998, Fuller has made insuring victims' rights and aiding them their families a top priority of his office.

To aid in determining who receives this award each year, VOCAL sends out a questionnaire to victims they assist and they respond by answering questions as to the kind of help they received. The VOCAL

board then narrows the field to three with the final choice being made upon recommendation from the Angel House advisory board.

Two particular cases handled by Fuller weighed heavy in the selection process.

One involved a two-year process that ended with the defendant, in a drive-by homicide, offering to plea to a lesser offense. The DA could have taken the easy way out and accepted the plea offer - he didn't. He chose to contact the family of the victim and actively sought their input. The plea was rejected and the case went to trial. The case was tough and the defense was skilled, but right prevailed and in less than 45 minutes after the prosecution rested, the jury returned a guilty verdict of murder.

The other case was "one lost to the system, not the victims lost in the system."

That particular case was a DUI/Murder. The evidence showed that a legally intoxicated driver of one vehicle struck another causing the death of a

## Seat belt: Click It or Ticket

Every law enforcement agency in Alabama will participate in a massive crackdown on drivers who fail to buckle up themselves or their children, beginning May 21 and running through June 3.

During Click It or Ticket, officers throughout the state will conduct thousands of public safety checkpoints to stop and ticket drivers who violate seat belt and child passenger safety laws.

Officers know that writing tickets acts as a deterrent, saves lives and prevents tragedies that result when adults and children ride unbuckled. In 1999, traffic crashes killed 1,148 people in Alabama, and remains the leading cause of death to children. Of the 1,148 people who were killed on Alabama roadways in 1999, 829 of them were not wearing safety belts.

Traffic crashes in addition to being the number one killer of kids, is among the leading causes of death to teens and adults.

## REMINDER

**COFFEE COUNTY'S RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT SET FOR FRIDAY 7 P.M. UNTIL 7 A.M. SATURDAY, MAY 18 & 19 AT ENTERPRISE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE**